(h) Extension education efforts will be strengthened to make farmers more receptive to new technology.

Consequently, there has been a considerable increase and improvement in the production and productivity of major foodgrain crops as indicated below:

Crops	1997-98		1998-99	
	Production (Million tonnes)	Productivity (kg/ha.)	Production (Million tonnes)	Productivity Kg/ha)
Rice	82.54	1900	86.00	1928
Wheat	66.35	2485	70.78	2583
Coarse Cerelas	30.40	986	31.46	1065
Pulses	12.97	567	14.80	622
Total Foodgrain	192.26	1552	203.04	1620

Assessment of Flood and Natural Calamity situation in Assam

3538. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the floods and natural calamities situation in the country particularly in the State of Assam during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the full details regarding Assam which is badly affected as a result of floods areas, if necessary; and

(c) the details of financial assistance/grants provided by Government so far in this regard to the State of Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Preliminary assessment of natural calamities including floods, is made by the State Governments. The Central Team also visits the affected.

(b) A statement showing the damage caused by floods in Assam during 1998-99 is annexed. *(See* below)

(c) The State of Assam was released Rs. 41.60 crore as Central share from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) during 1998-99. In addition, Rs. 59.90 crore were released to the State from National Fund of Calamity Relief (NFCR).

Statement

Details of damages to life, property, crops etc. due to floods in Assam during 1998-99

	Total Distts. (No.)	Districts affected (No.)	Villages affected	Area affected (in lakh Hectare)	Population affected (in lakh)	Damage to crop in Area (lakh Ha.)	Damage to houses/huts to (No.)	Human lives lost (No.)	Animals lost (No.)
Asaam	23	21	5292	9.72	46.98	2.89	30399	105	7814